

Chouteau Township officials urge Pontoon Beach to limit future development to help control flooding.

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The Madison County Fair is under way with a variety of attractions at Lindendale Park in Highland.

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Trash collection
fee to increase

City weighing bids for contract

By Bob Slate

Staff writer

Granite City residents apparently will pay at least \$1 more each month for trash collection, beginning in September. But that added cost will cover recycling services and save the city more than \$200,000 a year in money the city currently pays to subsidize trash service.

Three waste hauling companies — Waste Management, BFI and Laidlaw — submitted bids Tuesday attempting to capture the residential garbage business in Granite City.

The city's current contract with Waste Management expires Aug. 31 and the city is using the occasion to remove itself from the trash billing business.

The city pays Waste Management \$7.71 per home per month under the terms of its current contract. Residents currently pay the city \$6 per month per home and the city makes up the \$1.71 difference from other revenue sources. The subsidy costs the city about \$215,000 per year.

But residents will mail payments directly to the hauler once the new contract takes effect.

The bid specifications called for cost proposals on residential trash service, recycling pickup and billing over a five-year period. They also requested information about senior citizen

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— K.P. MacTaggart
Comptroller

discounts, discounts for those who pre-pay a year in advance and the city's cost to dispose of landscape and other waste.

The City Council's Sanitation Committee will discuss the bids July 30 and make a recommendation next month.

"We ought to do what is best for the residents," said Alderman Bob Shipley, a committee member. "They're the ones that are going to be paying the bill."

Bids submitted by Waste Management and BFI were remarkably close. The Laidlaw bid was much higher.

"These (two) bids were extremely close ... and probably the lowest you'll see anywhere in this county," City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart said.

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Pointer — Preston Porter of the Granite City Street Department paints a left-turn arrow in the center lane of Fehling Road near Central Square. The department was adding fresh reflective paint to the signs on the street last week.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Arrest
yields
big haulBy Bob Slate
Staff writer

A Mexican mojo bag designed to ward off evil spirits and police officers failed to protect a 30-year-old West Granite man allegedly carrying more than \$25,000 in drugs and cash Monday.

Ernest Carpenter, of the 2700 block of Denver Street, was arrested at 4:15 p.m. Monday and charged Tuesday with unlawful possession of more than 500 grams of cannabis with the intent to deliver it, a Class 2 felony; and unlawful possession of less than 50 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver it, a Class 3 felony.

Bond on the warrant is \$150,000. Granite City Police Chief Dave Riehl said Carpenter was carrying 12 pounds of marijuana, an ounce of cocaine, more than three-



Carpenter

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Bar's 5 a.m. liquor license request rejected

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The owner of Shooters 270 in Pontoon Beach was rebuffed in his attempt to obtain a 5 a.m. closing time. But he said he will go ahead with plans to allow 18-year-olds to come into the bar on weekends.

However, he was warned by Mayor Glen Wilson, who also serves as liquor commissioner, that if there

were any reports of minors drinking or being served, he would pull their liquor license.

"I am not for that," Wilson said of allowing 18-year-olds into the bar.

He said the bar would be letting the younger customers in "at their own risk."

"If I get a reason I'll close them," Wilson said. "I don't consider them a restaurant; I consider them a sports bar."

A delegation from Shooters — which opened last year at the former Remingtons along Illinois 111 near Interstate 270 — came to Tuesday's meeting to ask for the later closing and to seek approval to allow the younger customers.

Both the village board and Wilson said they opposed a later closing, and Wilson said he was adamantly opposed to allowing the younger patrons in the nightclub.

Nightclub manager Greg Wolter said they were requesting the changes because of an "emergency situation."

"We feel if we don't get these, we will be in big trouble," he said.

The bar now allows 18-year-olds in on Thursday night. Wilson said that he thought that meant they were not serving alcohol to anybody on that night, but Police Chief Michael Crouch said they could legally serve

anybody over 21.

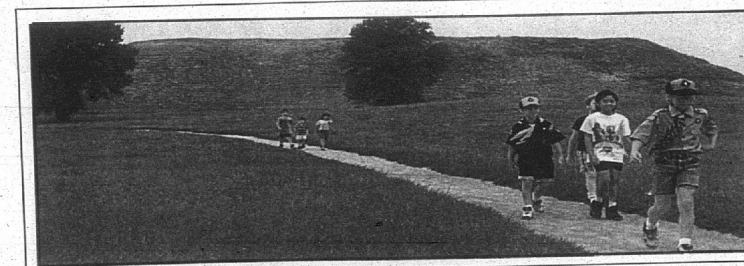
Board members said they did not want to give the bar a later closing hour, and Wilson said he didn't think they would be able to keep the 18-year-olds from drinking.

Wolter then asked for a trial period of a few weeks.

"If it doesn't work out, we would immediately stop it," he said.

Wolter said the bar is very strict —

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Hike — The Cub Scouts of Pack 3 hike towards a stockade replica after descending from Monks Mound, seen behind them, during a tour of Cahokia Mounds State Park. More photos on Page 5A.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Finally, city
has a surplus
Council approves budget

By Bob Slate

Staff writer

Amid much glad-handing and congratulatory speech-making, the Granite City Council passed a surplus budget Tuesday night.

The appropriation ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote of the aldermen.

"This is the first time in a while we've had a surplus budget, thanks to the aldermen, the mayor and his staff," Finance Committee Chairman Mac Warfield said prior to the vote. "I think it's a good budget and we should pass it."

The budget authorizes expenditures of \$13,858,899 from the general fund and \$1.5 million from the capital improvement fund.

City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart has projected general fund revenue of just more than \$14 million. That would result in a surplus of \$141,519 in that fund.

Proposed general fund expenditures include \$10,292,162 for salaries and benefits for city employees, about 74 percent of the total budget. Most city employees will receive a raise of 3.5 percent.

Alderman Craig Tarpoiff, also a member of the Finance

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Finance chairman

Committee, warned that the budget does not contain a number of expenses that are likely to arise this year, such as litigation, sewer repairs, cleaning up gasoline contamination at the main fire station and the purchase of a tub grinder for the street department.

"While there may appear to be a large surplus, there is a reason for it," Tarpoiff said.

Mayor Ron Selph said the city "can't plan for mother nature" — a reference to sewer breaks caused by heavy rainfall — but said the city has been fortunate to receive reimbursement from the federal government for sewer repairs the last three years.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist KSDK NewsChannel 5

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Salute

Tom Baldwin, a plant operator at Illinois-American Water Company's Granite City water treatment plant, was one of three recipients of an "Operator of the Year" award given recently by the Southwest Central Water Plant Operators Association.

Baldwin, of Granite City, earned top honors in the award's surface water section. He was nominated by his co-workers at Illinois-American's Granite City and East St. Louis water treatment plants and received the award at the association's annual meeting last month.

Baldwin has been an Illinois-American employee for 26 years.



Tom Baldwin

Petitions call for limit on development

Polley blames Pontoon for recent flooding

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Petitions asking the Pontoon Beach Village Board to halt improvements to a mobile home park and to limit development on Long Lake were presented to the board at Tuesday's meeting by Chouteau Township Supervisor Pat Polley.

Polley — who claims the village has been "negligent" in allowing development — and others attending Tuesday's meeting blamed development in Pontoon Beach for recent severe flooding.

Trustees countered by saying much of the blame lies with development on the bluffs, and the inability of the Metro East Sanitary District to pump excess water into the Mississippi River fast enough.

They also said the problem was not limited to Pontoon Beach or the Long Lake area, but flooding in the American Bottoms was widespread.

Polley also said landowners who were denied building permits by the county should not be encouraged to annex into the village to receive permits.

This brought a sharp response by Trustee Mike Maczek.

The petitions were signed by approximately 300 area residents. The first asked that the board halt the expansion of the Lake Drive Mobile Home Park.

In early June the council approved a resolution to allow the expansion and improvement of the park by St. Louis developer Kevin Kropf.

Kropf's plans call for approximately 41 mobile home lots, an increase from the present 35.

However, most of the present lots do not meet village size requirements.

As part of the development, as new mobile homes are put in older homes would be removed and lots resized.

The second petition presented Tuesday said residents on the west side of Long Lake are opposed to further development on the east side without holding ponds or other means to

"It appears there has been a lot of construction in flood plain or flood hazard areas."

— Pat Polley
Chouteau supervisor

control flooding.

Polley criticized the plan, saying it would increase flooding in the area, and that several of the lot sites are in either a flood plain or flood hazard area.

"It appears there has been a lot of construction in flood plain or flood hazard areas," she said.

She also said the petitioners want some kind of flood study done before there is more development.

Trustee Randy Presswood said the village board recently approved spending \$10,000 for such a study — which was approved over the veto of Mayor Glen Wilson, who said it was unnecessary.

Building Inspector Bob Barthelmy said that although 10 of the lots in the Lake Drive park were in a flood hazard area, any mobile homes placed on sites would have to be at least three feet above the flood line — 417 feet above sea level.

There was considerable discussion on the subject, with Wilson pounding his gavel several times to quiet the crowd.

Many talked about unprecedented flooding in the area in the past few years.

Treasurer Lou Whitsett said much of the recent problems stem from floodwaters racing down from the bluffs, and problems with the Mitchell Ditch.

After more discussion, several trustees told Polley that if Chouteau Township residents were really concerned about the flooding, the township should consider helping to pay for part of the cost of the flood study.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Gift — John Parker from Moose Lodge #272 presents Granite City DARE treasurer Sandy Crites with a donation. Police Chief David Reubhausen, representing the Police Department, accepts the donation with Crites.

Venice sets early curfew

New law also makes parents responsible

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Ordinances setting curfews, holding parents and guardians responsible for their children's actions and setting higher fines were approved by the Venice City Council Tuesday.

The ordinances were almost exactly the same as similar ordinances passed last week by the Madison City Council.

The curfew ordinance sets a 10 p.m. curfew Sunday through Thursday, and a midnight curfew for Friday and Saturday for juveniles under 18. After a first offense by a juvenile, the law holds parents, guardians or other supervising adults responsible, and they could face fines of \$50 to \$750.

There are several exceptions under the new law, including: when the juvenile is accompa-

nied by a parent or a responsible adult at least 21 years old who has been authorized by the juvenile's parents; when going to or coming from work; during an emergency; or while attending an official school, religious or recreational activity supervised by adults.

The ordinance also holds business owners responsible for juveniles on their property violating curfew unless the business owner notifies the police.

For a parent not to be held responsible for their children, a missing person report must be filed with police.

Another ordinance sets uniform fine violations.

In the past, most city ordinance violations were punishable by fines of \$50 to \$500, but recently the state enacted legislation raising the maximum fine to \$750.

Casino Queen plans development in E. St. Louis

By Mike Viola
Staff writer

Officials for the Casino Queen announced Monday to build a hotel, entertainment center and recreational vehicle park on the East St. Louis riverfront.

The \$35-million development was announced after an

agreement was reached between the Casino Queen and the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority concerning the sale of land for the project.

"We feel that this is the next major step in the revitalization of the East St. Louis community," said Alan Orthals, SWIDA executive

director. The Casino Queen purchased 50 acres from SWIDA for \$2 million. The agreement also required the Casino Queen to pay an additional \$6.8 million over the next 20 years for economic development in East St. Louis.

Ed Duffy, Casino Queen chief operating officer, said

the final designs for the hotel were finished and described the hotel as being luxurious.

The hotel, which could have as many as 300 rooms, will be attached to the present visitor center at the Casino Queen.

Construction of the hotel is expected to start in early spring next year.

Construction of the RV park is expected to begin this year and will be built to the east of the Casino Queen parking lot.

"Through this agreement and the expansion of the Casino Queen entertainment complex, we are continuing to fulfill the pledge we made to East St. Louis in 1993 to serve as a catalyst to renew economic activity, bring more

jobs to the region and generate resources to help the city continue its rebirth," said Tim Rand, a partner of the Casino Queen.

Duffy said that once the developments are completed, the Casino Queen will have committed about \$100 million in East St. Louis since 1993.

The new developments are expected to create 350 construction jobs.

The entertainment complex is expected to create 300 permanent jobs and create \$2 million in additional tax revenue annually.

"This is development in the heart of the region," said John Baricevic, St. Clair County board chairman.

The agreement between the Casino Queen and SWIDA took 14 months to finalize.

SWIDA officials said the Casino Queen's developments on the riverfront will not affect a possible federal park on the eastern shore of the Mississippi River.

SWIDA would like to see a federal park as an extension of the Arch grounds, and there is plenty of undeveloped land on the East St. Louis riverfront to accommodate one, Orthals said.

For decades, the East St. Louis riverfront had been an embarrassment to the region. The Casino Queen was the first major development in the area in 1993.

Since then, a group of private investors has built the world's largest geyser on the riverfront and investors, including golf pro Hale Irwin, are planning to build a championship-style golf course on the northern portion of the East St. Louis riverfront.

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Opinion

Carol's comments

Trip back in time beneficial

Since the onset of summer, I realize I've become petulant, crabby, even surly. Very unlike the sweetly reasonable person I like to think I am normally, though there are those who might disagree.

Well, that gentle, temperate, sunny disposition is thanks to an all too short stay with Rusty and Julie Gates on the banks of the Au Sable River's "Holy Water."

Ed and I had gone there, off and on, for the past 20 years for the same reasons most of their guests do, time after time: trout fishing.

Unbelievable scenery, great cuisine. Informality. Respect for privacy.

Rusty doesn't advertise, he doesn't have to do so. Word of mouth has done that trick for 26 years.

Very little has changed since our last visit in '92. A little refurbishing of the rooms and the dining room decor and the addition of a new building, "The Board Room."

A new resident golden retriever, Holly, has replaced the 16-year-old Bow (short for "Rainbow") who died last year of the infirmities of age.

Half an hour in the Criss shop and Rusty had updated me on his activities of the past year or so.

His considerable efforts to keep the eight-mile stretch of the river as catch-and-release have proven valid with trout ranging between 14 and 18 inches not uncommon. During my stay, one guest caught a 26-inch.

Rusty and his cohorts have, at least temporarily, foiled efforts to turn Camp Grayling from a Michigan National Guard Camp into a proposed large military establishment.

He was named "Angler of the Year" by some major fishing magazine ("Rod and Reel," I think) and he said he figures that last year he may have broken his own record by tying over 1,500 fish.

Totally apart from the restoration of my good nature, though, the trip had an equally beneficial effect.

During a visit with an old friend of sixty-odd years who was spending the month at Old Mission, I discovered I'd finally grown up. I'm no longer afraid to see Bob, another friend from the old crowd who was my nemesis for at least a decade.

I've avoided seeing him for years, though of necessity I've had several conversations with him.

My fear hasn't been physical. I've simply been afraid that he'd manage to embroil me, as he's done often in the past, in one of his crafty (and often boring on the criminal) plots.

In our youth, this was his forte and he was damned good at it; quite naturally, he's a



Carol Clarkin

reasonable prominent attorney nowadays.

He, as well as another acquaintance from home, were at Old Mission too, and Fran asked if I'd like to see either of them.

Bob, she said, knew I'd be up and had said he'd like to see me. Thanks, but no thanks, said I.

And we both reviewed a number of his old escapades, beginning with his blackmail of me starting in the fifth grade and continuing nearly two years, during which time I paid him half of my weekly allowance to keep him from informing my mother of a bit of bad judgment on my part.

Then there was the unforgettable Battle of the Dead Frozen Cat (6th grade) and his theft of my Latin textbook in high school, both of which nearly resulted in my being suspended from school while Bob went Scot-free.

Fran, rather primly, noted that she hadn't been involved in any of Bob's activities ("You and Ella fought back; I listened to Mother and Dad who told me to simply ignore Bob") until I reminded her that she, too, had been part-and-parcel of the evenings whiled away breaking street lights up and down State and College (I trust the statute of limitations has now run out on that vandalism) and the egging of enemy homes, and an innocent bystander the evening of the purloined bra. Victim? Me.

We recalled the night he trusted Cynthia up like a Thanksgiving turkey and left her in an alley back of the public library and I told her of an unannounced visit he and two confederates paid me during my years at Columbia, an evening that resulted in my fall from grace with my housemother.

When, I asked her, did she run into Bob at Old Mission?

"At a party a week or so ago. He arrived about Art and I, looked around the room and headed straight for me. 'Bob O', here," he said, and held out his hand. 'Fran C.' I replied and told him I'd have known him anywhere." His glasses were so smeared he might not have been able to see me. And his shoe laces were untied. Just as they always were.

Instant recall. Bob, the messy boy. No more Leader of the Pack, no more nemesis. I've grown up, Bob hasn't.

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Letter to the editor

Trustees fail the test

TO THE EDITOR:

I have read the (anonymous) letter that was made public at the (Pontoon Beach) village meeting on June 25, 1996. The letter was unsigned, but the clerk said she typed the letter. She would not say where the letter came from.

Regarding the part about the previous clerk not properly doing her job concerning the FEMA ordinance and regulation: Everyone knows that there was an investigation into the clerk's office. Yet the writer of the letter is still looking to blame the previous clerk.

The building inspector at that time was Pete McFarland. Pete and I went to the clerk's office and (then clerk) Mary Warren and (then deputy) Mary Rowden were there. Pete asked for the FEMA ordinance and regulations. Mary Warren told him that was not his job, that the clerk and zoning administrator were to deal with FEMA.

Pete asked Mary Warren to show him how the building permits were filled out. She would not show him. Pete asked Mary Rowden to show him how she filled out the permits. Pete was told his job was to make sure that the homes being built in the village were up to code. There were homes in the village that Pete would not sign off on, because they did not meet code. He went to the clerk's office and told them that there were homes that did not meet code, but nothing was done about them.

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Mike Macek and Bob Vincent came to our home in 1993 and told me they wanted me to run in the election with them for a trustee spot, but only if I would vote Pete off as building inspector. I said there was no way that I would ever do that. So, they didn't need me anymore. They said they were taking him off after they were elected. They told me that not voting along with them as a board member did not show "unity." They had no problem with the job he did. It was not right for me to be trustee and Pete be the inspector. When I asked about Vincent being the mayor's son-in-law, they had no answer for me.

I want Macek and Vincent to know that no amount of money or power could make me go against my family. I wonder, if they can ask this of me, how low will they go to get what they want? Where is their unity now?

The writer of the (anonymous) letter wants to know if Madison County Environmental issued permits for the septic systems and wells on Trinity Lane. How hard is it to pick up the phone and call and ask?

They want to know if building permits and occupancy permits are being issued. The village building inspector should have answers to this question. The village board and employees should have the answers to all the questions in the letter.

Mary Rowden called me about a week ago to talk about the Pontoon Library's mail still coming to her office. I told her I had talked to the mayor about it, and he would look into it. Mary said she was

not in the clerk's office enough to know what was going on.

Mary Rowden worked as deputy clerk for eight years. About two years ago, she resigned under doctor's care because the job put too much stress on her. At that time, she made about \$20,000 a year. When she resigned from the job, the village paid her retirement fund up, even though she was not working for the village. After the fund was paid up, she ran for the village clerk's office that pays about \$10,000 a year. She is now the village clerk. Where did the stress go?

I would like to know if the village board could pass an ordinance or resolution to make the clerk's job appointed rather than elected. The clerk would be there eight hours a day. Pay could be \$20,000 a year. Have a part-time deputy clerk for \$10,000 a year. The deputy clerk could take the minutes at some of the village meetings.

I read all the articles that the *Granite City Journal* wrote about Pontoon Beach village meetings. The village boards have never worked together for the nine or 10 years that I have been attending them. The things that are happening in the village right now have been going on for years. Someone at the village hall had to know that someday these things would catch up with the village. Why didn't the village boards try and get these things straightened out before now? Do they want the village to go broke like other small cities or villages in the area?

Scott Cousins could not print the letter because it may be libelous. Why did he receive a

copy? Someone on the village board had to write the letter or give out the information. If some of the letter was discussed in executive session only, the village board and clerk have that information. So, where did the letter come from and why did the clerk pass it to the board and the press?

Whatever side wrote the letter (or if no side wrote the letter) it made the whole village board and clerk's office look bad and it made them look as if no one knows what is going on in the village.

The board members need to receive their meeting packets on Friday before the Tuesday meeting. This way they won't need to take one hour of meeting time to pay the bills. And maybe the letter would have been taken out of the packet for the press. The village board could argue behind closed doors. At least they could show a good front at the meetings.

The village election for three trustees is coming up in 1997, so the bull is beginning to fly. Rather than tell the people what they will do for the village if elected, they badmouth the others running against them. The residents of the village need to remember these things that are happening now and not listen to campaign promises. The village board members who are on the board now have not shown they can do any better than the ones they beat in past elections.

LINDA MCFARLAND
Pontoon Beach

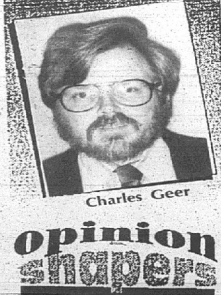
Sale purchases a mater of values

I confess, I have never met-a sale I didn't like. It can be doubling a 40-cent bottle to get a \$2 bottle of salad dressing for \$1.20. I can be bidding on a kitchenaid dishwasher that was built by Hobart, not by Whirlpool, then wrestling the beast into the back of the station wagon after the church auction. Three bucks and some elbow grease equals some mighty clean dishes.

I like knowing the low-cut athletic shoes I picked up from the dollar table in a small-town shoe store have a percolator style some people pay \$100 for in a big city boutique. There is almost a perverse pleasure in finding three bottles of over-hyped shampoo for \$3 on a close-out shelf (price six months ago: \$2.69 a bottle). If someone else wants to pay full price for the latest herbal-scented, pro-vitaminized potion for the hair, be my guest.

Just remember, however: They all lather. They all clean. They all rinse out. And, no matter what the price, they all go down the drain.

Matthew 6:19-21 warns us not to store up things on earth "where moths and rust destroy and robbers break in and steal" (today's English version). While Jesus was referring to storing up riches in heaven, there is one practical side to this passage: Where the heck do you store everything?



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If it can do the job well without spending a fortune to do it, I'll use what's on hand. By discovering the hidden value in what someone else calls obsolete, I can make what I have go further. And what isn't spent on myself, I can spend on others.

Like the coffee table for which you bid \$1 — and were the only bidder, or the four boxes of games you grabbed at \$2 a box before Kellogg's cut prices. Or the \$5 set of encyclopedias, 1978 edition. Or the wonderfully kitschy GE TV in a turquoise plastic cabinet — the one that gets only black-and-white VHF.

Let the reader suspect I am a material boy, or cheaper than Jack Benny, there is a method in my madness. The fat chrome Sunbeam toaster we picked up for 2 bucks at an estate sale works better than the \$15 toaster it replaced.

That '90s vintage Kitchenaid hasn't run out of suds yet. If I need more than what the old encyclopedias can give — which is still a lot — I check with the public library. And that turquoise TV gets a decent picture if all you're watching is a newscast to get some background material for a talk show.

It's a matter of values, in both senses of the word. If it can do the job well without spending a fortune to do it, I'll use what's on hand. By discovering the hidden value in what someone else calls obsolete, I can make what I have go further. And what isn't spent on myself, I can spend on others.

Especially people who don't have anything to buy. Or buy it with.

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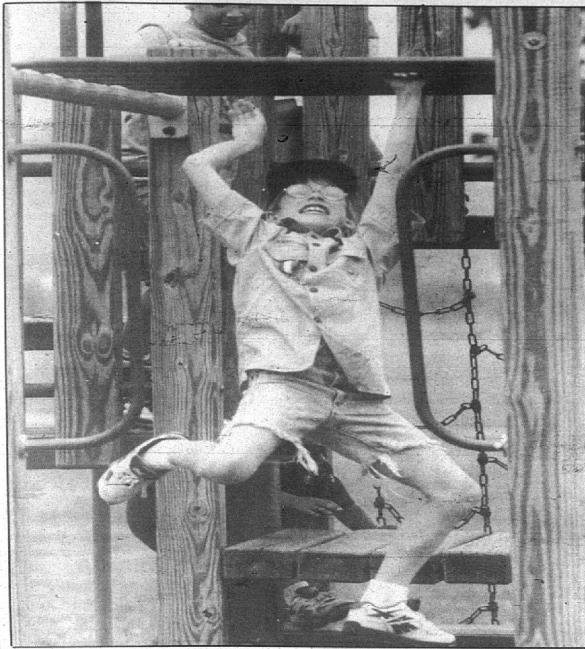
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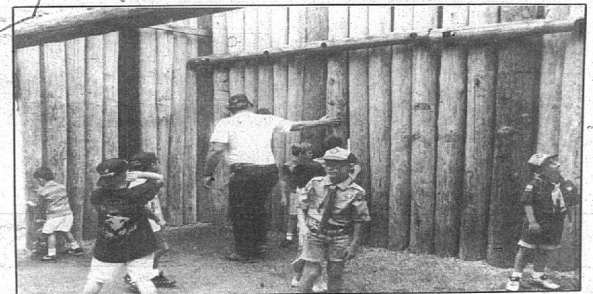


A visit to Cahokia Mounds

Cub Scouts learn about local archaeological findings

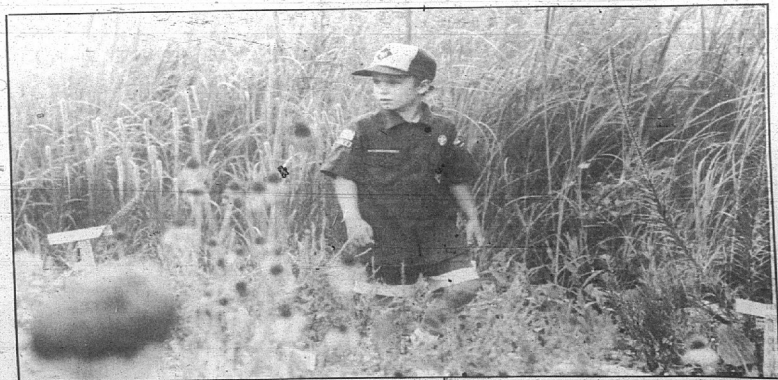
Casey Kell, at left, makes his way across the monkey bars on the playground near a picnic site at Cahokia Mounds State Park, where his Cub Scout pack visited recently. Above, the Cub Scouts, from Pack 3, sponsored by Prather Elementary School and the Army's Charles Melvin Price Support Center, follow their tour guide past the

platform mound, which is one of the Twin Mounds. Twin Mounds consists of a platform mound and a conical mound side by side. Archaeologists believe that the platform mound formed the foundation for a building where the dead were prepared for burial and the conical mound was where they were buried.



Above, David Hogue waits his turn while Thomas Kell slides out of a playground fort. At right, the Scouts walk along the edge of and look at a room in the replica of a stockade, which surrounded Monks Mound and Twin Mounds as well as the central area in between. The replica stockade was reconstructed in the place where archaeologists uncovered evidence of the original structure, which surrounded the whole site.

Casey Kell, left, and David Hogue, look up to the top of the platform mound of Twin Mounds at Cahokia Mounds State Park. Behind them is David's father, Charles.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Thomas Kell points out landmarks for the other children.

Kell takes a tour of a display of prairie flowers behind the interpretive center.

County Fair gets under way

If you're hankering to see home-grown plants and animals or cowboys a'ridin' and a'ropin', then Highland's Lindendale Park is the place you want to be this week.

That's the site of the Madison County Fair which started Sunday and runs through Friday. There's a little bit of something for everyone included in each day's activities.

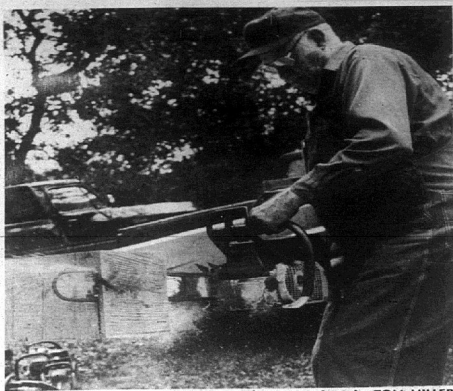
Events for Wednesday included the 4-H Poultry Show, the Rolling J Rodeo at 7 p.m. and the 4-H Fashion Revue.

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, there is both the Combine Demolition Derby and the 4-H Livestock Auction.

There will be an Arts and Crafts Show from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and musical performances by Matt and Robin, at 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday. Matt and Robin perform a mix of country and popular favorites.

Both features return at the same times Friday.

Carnival rides run daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Another daily event is the



(Photo by TOM MILLER)

Norman Prater of Pocahontas competes in the chainsaw competition during the beginning of the Madison County Fair in Highland.

Great Lakes Timber Show which features logging competitions at 3:30 p.m., 6

p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Fairgrounds open at 8 a.m. daily.

New law to mandate insurance coverage

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

(Editor's note: Due to a printing error, parts of the following story were omitted from Wednesday's Granite City Journal.)

The joy of bringing home her third baby was short-lived for Christine Hoffrogge of Troy. Just days later, both were in the emergency room with post-delivery problems that she believes could have been avoided had her insurance coverage allowed mother and baby one more day in the hospital.

Hoffrogge and her new son, Garrett, were released from the hospital just 28 hours after his birth on July 5.

Three days later she was rushed to the hospital emergency room, where she spent six hours because of excessive hemorrhaging. She received medication to control the bleeding, was given a pelvic exam and got new stitches.

Garrett was treated for symptoms of jaundice.

"We basically went through hell. I wouldn't wish that on anyone," said Hoffrogge. "I don't think any of this would have happened if we had had at least one more day in the hospital to rest and be looked after."

Considering the costs in the emergency room, Hoffrogge said her insurance company would have saved money by letting mother and child stay in the hospital one more day.

In Illinois, because of a new law, that one more day is now available to new mothers.

Gov. Jim Edgar signed into law last Wednesday a measure which requires insurance companies to guarantee new mothers coverage for a stay of at least 48 hours after normal deliveries and 96 hours after Caesarean

births.

The new law went into effect immediately. The law doesn't cover private sector self-insurance plans; however, federal laws do apparently cover such plans.

The new law was greeted enthusiastically by local health care workers.

"Forty-eight hours is not an outrageous time to be in the hospital after having a baby. It's a good thing," said Sister Mary Michael McCulla, vice president of in-patient services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Although the new law provides for reimbursement of expenses up to 48 hours, Sister Mary Michael said, mothers can still elect to be discharged earlier if appropriate.

"There will always be a few people for whom 24 hours will be adequate. But that stringent standard was based on healthy young mothers with no complications and is not enough for most patients," she said.

When insurance companies reduced the amount of time eligible for reimbursement to 24 hours, SEMC initiated an at-home health care follow up for mothers of newborns, she said.

"And we've always kept the mom and baby longer (than 24 hours) if there were signs of complications — regardless of reimbursement. But the at-home follow up allows us to see the care the baby is receiving in the home setting," she said. "It allows us to evaluate the physical states of the mom and baby and also see if the education we have given them is being applied."

The Senate passed the 48-hour requirement by a vote of 56-0. The House vote was 114-2.

(Staff writer Bob Slate provided some information for this story.)

Davis wins AFL-CIO endorsement

Following a July 16 endorsement session, the Illinois AFL-CIO announced its endorsement of incumbent Steve Davis, D-Wood River, in the race for the 11th Illinois House District and Glenn Bradford for the 11th House District.

Delegates from unions around the state gathered at the Springfield Hilton to cast

their votes endorsing candidates in congressional, as well as Illinois House and senate races for November's general election.

Davis was endorsed by the labor delegates because of his strong 93 percent voting record in the past two years as representative of the 11th District.

"Steve Davis has been a friend to the working men and

women of the 11th District. His voting record speaks for itself," said Donald A. Johnson, Illinois AFL-CIO president. "He is a leader, a voice and an advocate for working families."

Bradford was endorsed based on questionnaire results and personal interviews with the Illinois AFL-CIO. He is running for the seat vacated by Rep. Jay Hoffman, who is running for U.S. Congress in the 20th District. Hoffman was also endorsed by the Illinois AFL-CIO.

The Illinois AFL-CIO represents 14,238 members in the 11th District and 11,027 members in the 12th District. It has a statewide membership of 1.25 million.

A complete list of endorsements is available.

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI	21	Sliders (R) (Steno)	36	LA Fives "Phantom" (R)	Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	News 3c	Entertain	News	Videos	Forever Knight (R)	
KMGD	9	Diagnosis Murder (The U.S. Secret) (R)	36	Nash Bridges (In Steno)			News 3c	Late Show (In Steno)	News	Murder, Mystery	Extra (R)	Wanted
KSDK	6	6:30 Summer Olympic Games (Live)	36						Videos	Summer Olympics		
KNLG	17	Bonanza	Family Theme				Larry Rice	Lesters	Music	Responsible		Burns & A
KOHM	16	Wash. Wk. World	Step-Step	Comic "Casper" (20/20)			News 3c	Nightline	Star Trek: Next Generation		Rick Lake (R)	
KPLR	3	Wash. Wk. World	Step-Step	Comic "Casper" (20/20)			News 3c	"60 and 70s" (1989)				
KTVI	11	Major League Baseball: Montreal Expos vs St. Louis Cardinals (Live)					News	Cheers 3c	Baywatch "Sky Rider" (R)		Jenny Jones (R)	
CABLE STATIONS												
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CNN	9	Prime News Politics	Larry King Live (R)	World Today			Sports	Bionity News	NewsNight	Showbiz	Sports	
NICK	3	Prime News	Jeanette	Jeanette	Jeanette	Jeanette	Tari (R)	M.L. Moore	High Road	Van Dyke	News	Phyllis
TNT	6	11:55 "King Kong" (1976)	Fantasy, Jilly (1976)	Jessica Lange			++ "Stryke" (1991, Home)	Tiffany Bushnell				++ "The Beast Within" (1989)
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ESPN	3	Billiards	Supersubs: "Hysteria" (R)	Bodybuilding	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 3c	SportsCenter 3c	SportsCenter 3c	SportsCenter 3c	Motorcycle Racing	
WGN	24	Wild Discovery: Lowland	Wings "Wings of Mercy"		Beyond 2000	Next Step	Bey, 2000	Wild Discovery: Lowland			Wings "Wings of Mercy"	
DWC	1	Officer O'Dwyer (1985)	Comedy: John Cusack		Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants (Live)	36					++ "The Fog" (1990)	
TWC	3	Local Footbal					Local Footbal					
WGN	12	Hercules: Jynx			Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies (R) (Steno Live)							
WHSL	10	Hard Collection	Gallery of Dolls		Gallery of Dolls							
AMN	11	11:55 "Duke and the Duck" (1989)										
MTV	9	Champagne Ride (R)	Prime Time Country (In Steno)		Club Dates (In Steno)	News	Champagne Ride (R)	Prime Time Country (R)				
MTV	9	Brazzler (R)	Gold Medal Video Collection (In Steno)		Unsubinged (Steno)	Sports	Tot (In Steno)					
LIFE	3	11:55 "Voices Within: The Lives of Trudie" (Case)	1990, Dramat	Shelley Long	Ton Comets							
HVS	3	HVS News										
FAM	26	Highway to Heaven 3c	Rescue 911 (R)	700 Club			Three Stooges	News	Mysteries	Late Date	News	Girt Night
SGF	31	Biography: Buffalo Bill	++ "Farewell to the King" (1969)	Nick Nolte								
ACR1	95	Night Shift	Dark Shadows	ISCFI Bday In Space			Twil Zone	Monsters	Nightly Biography			
ACR2	96	Roman Arena	++ "Torpedo Alley" (1962)	Musik Movie								
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO	14	++ "Dead Connection" (1993) (R)	++ "South Central" (1993) (R)	9			++ "Raven" (1990)	9:00 Rachel McAdams	++ "Timecop" (1994) (R)	9		
DISN	16	++ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974)	++ "The Godfather, Part I" (1972)	++ "The Godfather, Part III" (1978)	++ "The Godfather, Part IV" (1980)	++ "The Godfather, Part V" (1982)	++ "The Godfather, Part VI" (1984)	++ "The Godfather, Part VII" (1986)	++ "The Godfather, Part VIII" (1988)	++ "The Godfather, Part IX" (1990)	++ "The Godfather, Part X" (1992)	++ "The Godfather, Part XI" (1994)
TMC	17	6:20 "The Bob" (1993)	++ "Hailstorm" (1993)	++ "The Godfather, Part I" (1972)	++ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974)	++ "The Godfather, Part III" (1978)	++ "The Godfather, Part IV" (1980)	++ "The Godfather, Part V" (1982)	++ "The Godfather, Part VI" (1984)	++ "The Godfather, Part VII" (1986)	++ "The Godfather, Part VIII" (1988)	++ "The Godfather, Part IX" (1990)
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Obituaries

Margaret Rea

Margaret L. (Smith) Rea, 56, of Granite City, formerly of Washington Park, died at 1:35 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at her residence, following a six-month illness.

Born Feb. 3, 1940, in East St. Louis, she had been a resident of Granite City since 1970.

A homemaker, she was of the Protestant faith.



Mrs. Rea was past president of the Spina Bifida Association of St. Louis, a former member and room mother of the Frohardt School Parent-Teacher Association and a former Brownie leader.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald D. Rea Sr., whom she married Jan. 6, 1957, in Washington Park; one son, Ronald Rea II of Granite City; three daughters, Deborah Henry of Waterloo, Rhonda May of Granite City, and Lisa Jones of Collinsville; two sisters, Alice Kirkwood of St. Peters, Mo., and Wanda Horn of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Leann Rea, who died in infancy, and her parents, Arthur and Juanita (Austin) Smith.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Mary Joyce

Mary A. (French) Joyce, 76, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Collinsville and Granite City, died at 4:40 p.m. Monday, July 22, 1996, at her residence, following a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 10, 1920, in Drumright, Okla., she had been a resident of Glen Carbon for eight years.

A supervisor in the trust department at Mercantile Trust in St. Louis prior to her retirement in 1965, she attended

Faith Baptist Church in Glen Carbon and was a former member of the Country Music Association.

Survivors include her husband, Hubert Joyce, whom she married Dec. 3, 1949, in Jonesboro, Ark.; one son, Ron Allen of Granite City; one daughter, Phyllis Neely of Savannah, Mo.; two sisters, Naomi Martha Rudder and Katherine Louise Nelson; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Hattie (Childers) French; two brothers, George and Eugene Lee French; and one sister, Daisy Lucille Wright.

Services are at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert McNeill officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

James Tippler

James W. "Sonny" Tippler, 57, of Staunton died at 11:20 a.m. Monday, July 22, 1996, at his residence. He was born June 25, 1939, in Pleasant Plains, Ark.

Owner and operator of Three Way Asphalt Co., he was a member of Laborers' Local 950 in Mount Olive and Operating Engineers Local in Granite City. Survivors include his wife, Janice (Lassen) Tippler, whom he married Feb. 1, 1957, in Keokuk, Iowa; two sons, Terry Tippler of Edwardsville and Jim Tippler of Decatur, Ala.; one daughter, Janet Baun of Staunton; his parents, Harlan and Amy (Harris) Tippler of Staunton; two brothers, Kenneth Tippler of Granite City and Wayne Tippler of Phoenix, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, who died in infancy. Services are at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Williamson Funeral Home in Staunton, with the Rev. O.J. Cloninger officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Staunton.

Memorials are requested for the Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton or the Carlinville Area Hospital.

Eva Pulley

Eva Alameda (Brown) Pulley, 64, of Granite City died at 10:30

a.m. Saturday, July 20, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a six-year illness.

Born Sept. 7, 1931, in Edwardsville, she had been a resident of Granite City since 1950.

A loan department clerk with Central Bank for 36 years, she was a member of the Five Star Club and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Kay of Granite City; her mother, Lorine (Gudger) Downs of Edwardsville; two brothers, Lloyd Brown of Granite City and Jimmy Brown of Clarksville, Tenn.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Alfred Brown, who died Dec. 23, 1967; and twin sisters, Mary Lee Brown and Martha Lou Brown.

Services were Tuesday at Werner Chapel for funerals in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Kevin Jarvis officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association or the American Lung Association.

Gladys Staggs

Gladys (Warren) Staggs, 88, of Granite City died at 6:20 p.m. Monday, July 22, 1996, at Caseyville Nursing Home in Caseyville. She was born Dec. 28, 1907, in Brookport, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for many years.

A homemaker, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two sons, George Staggs of Granite City and Claude Staggs of St. Peters, Mo.; two daughters, Ruth Prier of Jennings, Mo., and Vida Ketheridge of Anahola, Hawaii; four siblings, William Warren of Ann Arbor, Mich., Wilma Kraatz, Naomi McGee, and Ardith Warren; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Staggs, who died Nov. 1, 1970; and her parents, George and Mary Elizabeth (Johnson) Warren.

Services are at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Eddy Brown and the Rev. Lester Woods officiating. Burial

will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Robert Spengler

Robert D. Spengler, 54, of Ann Arbor, Mich., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, July 22, 1996, at the University of Michigan Hospitals, following a lengthy illness.

Born July 25, 1941, in Granite City, he was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Granite City.

Mr. Spengler served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. After his discharge, he was a computer quality control analyst for the United States Army Aviation System Command.

Prior to moving to Ann Arbor, he worked for the University of Missouri at Columbia as a computer project manager and in various administrative capacities in the department of nursing.

In Ann Arbor, he was employed by the University of Michigan Hospitals as a program director for nursing information systems, as well as an intensive care staff nurse.

A graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia, he was an active member of the American Nurses Association throughout his professional career.

Survivors include his parents, Robert N. and Mary (Sullivan) Spengler of Ann Arbor; one sister, Carol of Ann Arbor; and his friend, David S. Clark of Ann Arbor.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Spengler.

Visitation is from 3 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Muehlhig Funeral Chapel, 403 South Fourth Ave. in Ann Arbor.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor with the Rev. Allen Groff officiating. Burial will be in Michigan.

•Trash

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While Waste Management's bid was cheaper for the first two years of service, BFI offered a better price in the last two years.

During the first year, Waste Management proposed charging residents \$7.34 per month (\$88.08 a year) — 37 cents less per month than the city is now paying Waste Management even though the company would add recycling and billing to the services provided.

Waste Management does not offer a discount to residents who prepay, but does a 25-cent discount to senior citizens. BFI's bid in the first year was \$7.52 per month (\$90.24 per year) for trash collection, recycling and curbside recycling. BFI offers significant savings to residents who pre-pay (\$84 per year) but offers no senior discount.

In the second year, Waste Management, \$7.71 per month (\$92.52 per year) and a 25-cent senior discount; BFI, \$7.75 per month (\$93 per year with the pre-pay discount). Only a penny separates the amount the two companies would charge per month in the third year. Waste Management bid \$8.01 per month (\$96.12 a year) or \$7.76 for seniors; BFI bid \$8 per month (\$96 per year with pre-pay).

In the fourth year, Waste Management would charge \$8.33 per month (\$99.96 a year) and offer seniors a discount of a quarter; BFI would charge \$8.24 a month (\$98.88 a year pre-pay).

Waste Management bid \$8.66 per month (\$103.92 per year) and BFI bid \$8.51 per month (\$96 per year pre-pay) in the fifth and final year of the contract.

Assuming 10 percent of city residents would take advantage of the senior discount and 20 percent would pre-pay, MacTaggart said BFI's bid would save the city an average of \$2,464 over the five-year life of the contract and Waste Management's average monthly cost to residents would be \$8.4510.

Other differences in the bids prompted the committee to hold off on making a recommendation this week.

For example, BFI's bid was significantly lower than Waste Management's to haul waste to a proposed mixed waste facility in Wood River in 1998 through 2000. But Waste Management would charge the city a much lower tipping fee than BFI to get rid of city waste in the competitive landfill.

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•Surplus

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He praised the cooperation of the aldermen and his staff in presenting a surplus budget.

The budget contains a two-thirds reduction in the amount of dues the city will pay the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, to \$1,000 this year from \$3,000 in previous years.

Chamber officials were the only persons to comment on the budget during a public hearing at City Hall two weeks ago. Chamber President John Fruit of Magna Banks and chamber executive R. C. Bush both said the reduction in the city's contribution would have an adverse impact on the chamber's budget.

Deal on Sears store in jeopardy

ALTON — A deal to bring a Sears store here is in jeopardy after a spokesman for the owner of Alton Square angrily left a City Council committee meeting Monday in which the city's share of a 5 percent of sales on a new Sears store up to \$4.9 million to offset construction cost.

"Given the quality of conversation tonight, the deal is certainly not certain," River Bend Growth Association President Don Miller said after the meeting.

Aldermen delayed action on the agreement until the next meeting of the Whole Council, set for Aug. 12.

The delay came after a offer to meet with Art Spellmeyer, a Simon Co. vice president, gave firm assurances that the city was only agreeing to rebate to Simon Properties its 1.5 percent share of sales tax revenue to the tune of \$4.9 million to offset construction costs. After the city pays for its share of the construction, it will split its share of sales tax revenue with Simon.

Spellmeyer said the deal had also been pared down to a Sears store only, and not four added stores that were discussed earlier. He also offered a new estimated cost of construction of \$9.5 million.

Mayor Bob Towse said his previous estimate of \$12 million was a misunderstanding, although cost overruns associated with an abandoned mine under the property could drive up construction costs.

Aldermen received new copies of the proposed agreement Monday night. Aldermen Keith Stempley and Jim Dodd said the agreement was shortened to eliminate language that was causing the aldermen some

confusion.

Alderman Phil Hanrahan said he would not vote for the deal as written. The proposed agreement would rebate the city's share of a 5 percent of sales on a new Sears store up to \$4.9 million to offset construction cost.

"The deal would even split the sales tax for the remainder of the 15-year term of the agreement. Hanrahan said he does not want to pin future aldermen to a deal made by the existing council."

Spellmeyer pointed out the city did just that in approving other deals, such as the bond issue that brought a \$6.5 million marina to the city.

Aldermen Keith Stempley and Jim Dodd said the city's legal department should go back to the bargaining table on the agreement, even though Spellmeyer said Simon's top management already approved the deal and there is no more room to give.

"You better sharpen up your pencils," Dodd said.

"The deal, for us, is just not going to be there," Spellmeyer said, referring to possible further negotiations after the meeting.

Hanrahan said after the Committee of the Whole meeting he will vote against the deal unless there is an absolute cap of \$4.9 million without the 50 percent split in sales tax revenue after that.

He said during the meeting he expects to come out on the short end of a vote on the deal. "I'm a voice of morality," he said.

Dodd was quick to respond, "Don't be quick to respond." He said that Spellmeyer said the company has already made serious commitments in previous negotiations with Mayor Bob Towse, and Simon deserves some compensation for the risk of building the store with no guarantee it will be able to recover a significant portion of the cost.

He pointed out the city will not have to forego any property tax revenue in exchange to build any infrastructure, as with other development deals.

Miller said in an interview after the meeting, the council should not let the chance go by to improve the city's mail using money that would not have been generated without the new store.

From The Telegraph

•Bar

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using security officers inside and out — and two undercover security people.

Despite their arguments, Wilson was adamant in his opposition. "I don't think 18-year-olds have any business in a bar on Friday and Saturday nights," he said.

Tony Bono, a partial owner, criticized the village for what he called a lack of cooperation. "We've been asking for a 5 a.m. license," he said. "When we first got the bar here, we were under the impression we were going to get some cooperation on that."

"At this point in time we're in a do-or-die situation and we need some help," Bono added. "If it doesn't go, I have to shut that place down immediately."

Bono said the bar has dealt with all the board's original concerns — minors, neighbor complaints and drug sales but has received "no cooperation from you whatsoever."

"All we're asking is a chance if you can't give us one or two weeks," he said.

The discussion was put aside while Village attorney Keith Jensen checked the exact law. Later, the group said they would go ahead with plans to allow the 18-year-olds in on weekends.

This prompted a warning from Wilson that if there were problems, they would lose their liquor license.

Blood drive set for Aug. 15 at hospital

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All blood types are needed, but Type O is particularly needed. Type O is the most common blood type and is used in 52 percent of all surgeries. Since only 46 percent of the population have Type O blood, Type O donors are asked to give blood more frequently.

If you don't know your blood type, you can find out by donating blood. After the drive, the Red Cross will send you a card with your blood type on it. This card will list the number of times you have given blood in the past and will expedite future blood donations.

For information, call 1-(800)-GIVE-LIFE.

Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

FOOTE, Richard Gerald Jr., 37, of Granite City died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 1996, at his residence. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Larry Gibson. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Nameoki Road, Granite City. Memorials to the family.

HAGY, Charles Ray "Chuck," 29, died Friday, July 19, 1996, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Services were Wednesday at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home, Dexter, Mo., by the Rev. Danny Collins. Burial in Caroline Dowdy (New Bethel) Cemetery, near Dexter.

HANELINE, Rupert, 78, of

Granite City died at 4:15 p.m. Friday, July 19, 1996, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Ron Zamkus. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to donor's choice.

RINER, Lora M. (Lovc), 91, of Granite City, formerly of Troy, died at 8:24 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 1996, at her residence. Graveside services and burial were Monday in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. Steven B. Hurd. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

ROWANE, Abigail Michele, infant daughter of Roy A. and Dawn M. (Mottin) Rowane, died at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, July

14, 1996, at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis. Services were July 22 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville, by the Rev. Michael Walther. Burial in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorial to the family.

SMITH, Beryl N., 73, of Troy died Thursday, July 18, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Services were Monday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. James Bryan. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements by Kessler Mortuary Ltd., Fairview Heights. Memorials to American Lung Association or Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc.

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Rees- 50 years

Francis and Louise Rees of Salem, Ill., formerly of St. Charles, Mo., and Granite City, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 1 with a Mass at the Old Cathedral in St. Louis, followed by a reception at the Regal Riverfront Hotel, given by their children. A cruise on the Mississippi River Delta Queen concluded the celebration.

Mr. Rees and the former Louise Bruch were married June 6, 1946, at St. Joseph's Church in Granite City. He has held positions, among others, at KWRE Radio in Warrenton, Mo., the St. Charles Journal and the St. Louis Review. He is presently at the Salem



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Voss- Rosales

Pamela Christine Voss, daughter of Barbara Voss of Granite City and Pat and Teri Voss of Edwardsville, and David Joseph Rosales, son of Joe and Nancy Rosales of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Voss, of Granite City, is a senior studying sociology at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She will graduate in December. She is employed in the speech communications department at SIUE.

Rosales is employed with Circuit City in Ferguson, Mo., as a customer service representative.

An August wedding at St.



Pamela Voss
and David Rosales

Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City is being planned.

Houlihan- Reinhardt

Janice E. Reinhardt and Robert E. Houlihan were married May 18, 1996, during a garden ceremony at the home of the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Trish and Bob Lofgren of San Jose, Calif. The Rev. Eloise Oliver officiated at the ceremony.

An ensemble from the bride's chorus, the Peninsula Women's Chorus, sang "The 23rd Psalm" and "Bye Bye Blue." Michelle Jordan, soloist, sang "The Power of the Presence" and "You Take My Breath Away."

The bride is the daughter of Norman and Marie Reinhardt of Granite City.

She attended St. Elizabeth Parochial School and is a 1969 graduate of Granite City High School. She graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in organizational behavior. She works as a senior legal assistant in International Law at the software company Sysbase Inc. in Emeryville, Calif.

The groom is the son of the late Dr. Robert and Eleanor Houlihan.

He graduated from Carlmont High School in Belmont, Calif., in 1966 and attended the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he majored in economics. He holds a position in property management, in addition to working as a union carpenter.

Joan M. Achenbach of Granite City, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor.

Kevin R. Houlihan, brother of the groom, was the best man.

The flower girls were Thea Sigerman and Shelby Jackson.

The ring bearer was Eric Lofgren.



Janice and
Robert Houlihan

Corrie and Hannah Reinhardt, nieces of the bride, were the greeters. Emilie Reinhardt, niece of the bride, distributed favors to the guests.

Guests from out of state included the bride's parents, Norman and Marie Reinhardt of Granite City; the bride's sister, Joan Achenbach of Granite City; the bride's brother, Mark Reinhardt; Alice, Caleb, Corrie, Hannah and Emilie Reinhardt, all of Alamo, Ky.; Earl and Phreda Stifel of Alton; Gene and Revella Stifel of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; and numerous friends, as well as many local relatives and friends.

The bride wore an original 1910 handmade, ivory tulle gown, along with ivory lace-up boots of the period.

A reception was at the residence, immediately following the ceremony.

The couple moved to Oakland, Calif.

Elks leader visits convention

Sonny Ambuehl of Granite City attended the 132nd national convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks July 14-18 in Las Vegas, Nev. He is the current exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 1063 in Granite City.

While in Las Vegas, Ambuehl was commended for the lodge's dedication to the organization's philanthropic endeavors, which include youth athletic and drug education

programs, aid for people with disabilities, scholarships and veterans service.

The 2,300 local Elks lodges are the foundation of our long tradition of service to our communities, our states and our country," said Gerald L. Coates of Greensboro, N.C., grand exalted ruler and the national leader. "With their support, I know we can continue to help guide America forward."

The total value of the Elks' charitable works last year was \$143 million.

The highlight of the convention was the Wednesday session, when Ambuehl and other delegates heard from guest speaker retired Major General Patrick H. Brady, president of the Medal of Honor Society and chairman of the board of the Citizens Flag Alliance.

There is one grandson, Brian Austin Finn.

Finn- 30 years

Joseph Finn Jr. and Linda E. Finn of Litchfield, formerly of Madison, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary July 28, which is also Joseph's birthday.

Mr. Finn is retired from the Army. Mrs. Finn is employed at Wal-Mart.

They are the parents of three children, Donna Doroghazi of Madison, Joseph Finn III of Pana, Ill., and Brian Finn of Hillsboro.

There is one grandson, Brian Austin Finn.

New center formed with local agency

Coordinated Youth and Human Services of Granite City recently created a new division within the agency.

The new Midwest Training and Consultation Center will focus on the provision of professional seminars and individual counseling services which promote personal health and well-being.

A seminar is currently being offered for working women on Aug. 16 entitled "Women in the '90s: A New Approach to Healthy and Effective Living."

The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn, Collinsville, at Interstate 55/70 and Illinois 157. Registration is set at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$60 until Aug. 2 and \$85 until Aug. 16. For more information, call Donna Daisy at MTCC, 876-2383.

Betts- Barnes

Vicki Barnes and Joseph Betts were married June 8, 1996, by the Rev. Gus Faller. Angie Betts of Collinsville was the maid of honor.

W. H. Betts was the best man. The bride is employed by Shop N Save.

The groom is employed by K. L. Fabricators Inc. They reside in Granite City.



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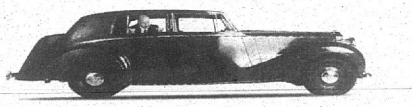
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Carlyle's Lanter eclipses 1,000 wins

The last time I looked, the Carlisle American Legion baseball team had surpassed 20 victories, meaning Voyit Lanter had moved past the 1,000-victory mark and had added to his near-800 winning percentage for 33 years of senior level coaching.

The only coach Ruf-Marchant Post 404 has ever had, the 71-year-old Lanter has resigned in District 23 so long that it is assumed by Legion officials that Carlyle must be considered annually with the powers of the South when state tourney time arrives.

After posting a 31-10 record last season, Carlyle is so pitching-strong, Lanter said in the early going that he "could go eight deep without too much trouble."

With outstanding pitchers from Carlyle, Greenville and Vandalia, Lanter would seem to need no other ingredient to succeed, but former Belleville High coach Barney Elser credited the veteran coach with more.

"He's a good disciplinarian and gets his players as enthused as he is," said Elser, who led Belleville to state titles in 1988 and 1975, in addition to claiming several Fifth Division crowns.

"We had a lot of good battles against Carlyle and had to beat them twice on the same day in 1975 to get to state."

As another Legion season winds down with the playoffs, Elser adds: "Don't worry, Lanter will have his team ready."

EXTRA INNINGS: Mention of coaches like Elser and Lanter allows me to recall the days when Belleville Citizens Park was a hotbed of baseball. There was a time when the lighted diamond near the entrance of Citizens hosted American Legion and Mon-Clair men's games. Folks like Elser's dad, the late Byron Elser, put much time and work into developing the Citizens Park facility into a baseball site.

Time passed and interest apparently waned in baseball a fact someone from Belleville never could understand — and the Citizens Park field became a softball facility.

No wonder then why I was not shocked to hear that the Belleville team in the M-C had dropped from last league prior to the July 4 weekend.

"Seems like when you start losing, people get disinterested," said Belleville manager Gary Bernard.

A winner of seven league games in 1994 and six in 1995, Bernard said he had a full roster of 24 players at the start of the season but was forced to forfeit a June 30 home doubleheader at Belleville Area College against East Alton when he could field just eight players.

"And that number included myself," said the 48-year-old Bernard, whose son Erik was available each of the three seasons his dad tried to keep the Belleville entry going.

"The players did not tell me, but I heard they wanted to play for a winner," said the elder Bernard after Belleville had posted a 1-9 record.

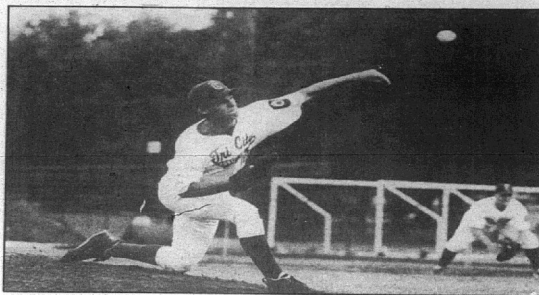
"I really hate to see it end like this," said Bernard, who figured he spent about \$1,000 of his own money on the team, although the Belleville entry did have offseason fund raisers.

"I love baseball, and I'd like to get back in next year."

A former coach of Junior Legion and Southwest League youth teams, Bernard will have to re-apply at a winter meeting of the M-C where his admittance will be based on a vote of the managers of the remaining eight teams.

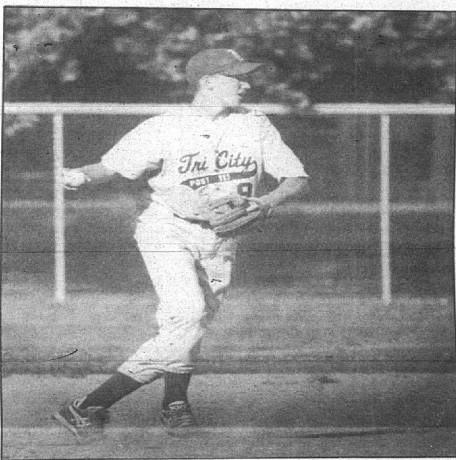
FOOTNOTE: After signing with the Chicago White Sox in early June, former All-Star athlete Rich Sauter was assigned to the Class A Hickory, N.C. team. Their nickname? "Crawdads."

A successful relief pitcher last spring at Notre Dame, the 22-year-old right-hander is expected to be given similar work for the Crawdads.



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Tri-City pitcher Mike Ahlvers fires to the plate. The Triplets' struggles ended with a 7-1 loss to Highland in the District 22 playoffs last week.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRIESE)

Tri-City's Brian Kamadulski looks to make a play.

Steelers set to hold hockey registration

The Granite City Amateur Hockey Association (GCAHA) has openings for girls and boys ages 5-17 who wish to join the Steelers' ice hockey program.

Registration for new players will be held 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at the East Alton Ice Rink.

The Steelers belong to the Missouri Amateur Ice Hockey Association (MAIHA) and USA Hockey, the national ice hockey organization. Ice hockey skaters and would-be skaters from Madison, Jersey, Clinton and Bond counties in Illinois are included in the association's service area.

Skaters are separated into divisions by age group. Skaters 6 years old or younger are referred to as "Mites," players 9 and 10 years of age are called "Squirts," 11- and 12-year-olds are "Pee Wees," 13- and 14-year-olds are "Bantams" and skaters 15 and 16 years old are "Midgets."

The GCAHA is committed to developing and promoting youth hockey in Madison County. The association started in

the early 1970s in Granite City and included nearly 500 participants last year.

It is now more commonly known as Steelers Ice Hockey, as it encompasses children from most of the communities in Madison County — as well as youngsters from neighboring counties.

The registration date of Aug. 3 is for new players only. Returning players have already registered this month. Due to the growing interest in ice hockey, space may be limited and early sign-ups are encouraged. Many of the area's high school club teams started their careers in the Steelers program.

Two levels of play are offered by the Steelers. Based on skill level, players are selected to play on a league team to represent the Steelers in the MAIHA. The association also offers a house recreational program where players are selected to teams in their age divisions to form competitive house teams.

(See HOCKEY, Page 3B)

Training sessions at SIUE to kick off Pan Am Games

Continuing a summer of state, national and international events, Roy Lee Field on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will be the USA Team's official training site for the Pan American Games Baseball Championships.

The U.S. team started training Wednesday and will begin international play next week. Fairview Heights is the host city for the Pan Am Games.

Teams made up of boys ages 15-16 from the USA, Mexico, Argentina, Honduras, Colombia, Canada, Guatemala, Ecuador, Cuba and Brazil are expected to participate, as are a handful of local Junior Legion clubs.

SIUE's Roy Lee Field will host six games, including the USA vs. Ecuador on Aug. 7

and USA vs. Mexico on Aug. 9. The Pan Am training schedule at Roy Lee Field will run 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Wednesday, July 31. On Thursday, Aug. 1, a full schedule of events will begin, with the Canadian team's practice session at 9 a.m.

The Cuba team will then practice from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., before playing a team from Vienna, Ill., at 2 p.m. Cuba will also face a Junior Legion All-Star team at 5 p.m., and Vienna will face the Junior Legion squad at 7 p.m.

The USA Team practices again on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2-3. On Sunday, Aug. 4, Venezuela will face Colombia in an international affair. The USA will play Ecuador on Wednesday, Aug. 7, and Mexico on Friday, Aug. 9.

Playoff loss to Highland closes Triplets' season

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The most disappointing of American Legion seasons came to a merciful end for the Tri-City Triplets last Friday, as they fell 7-1 to Highland in the single-elimination round of the District 22 North Division playoffs.

The Triplets never could get their game together this summer. Most of the problems can be attributed to their lack of offense, but the defense and pitching were never consistent, either.

With games against teams like Fairview Heights, Collinsville, Edwardsville and Carlyle, Post 113 needed as many of those ingredients as possible. But the Triplets couldn't find that recipe, and the result was a 7-24 overall record.

The Legion season is a grind, as Post 113 played 31 games in 39 days. Combine that with the lack of wins, and the Triplets had little left during the final days of the season.

"We were worn out," said manager Doug Winfield. "All those games we'd played, and we hadn't had much success. Our summer of enthusiasm went awry. It's tough to play that many games and not have much fun in the process. It becomes more like a job than a game."

But the team never quit. Against Highland, the Triplets were down 7-0 in the seventh inning, but they still managed a rally. Tri-City scored one run and had the bases loaded when the third out was made.

In that game, Justin Bettorf, who had (See TRIPLETS, Page 3B)

Edwardsville, Alton eliminate Jr. Triplets

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Tri-City Junior American Legion season came to an end last weekend, as the Junior Triplets couldn't survive playing three games on Sunday.

Last Friday's game versus Bethalto was canceled due to the storm that moved in during the evening. So the Junior Triplets were bright-eyed at 8 a.m. Sunday morning to play the postponed game.

"It was actually a very well-played game," said Junior Triplets manager Chad Lignoul. "Despite the early time, both teams played pretty well."

But after their 5-4 win over Bethalto in 10 innings, the Junior Triplets dropped a 7-0 decision to Edwardsville and a 3-0 contest to Alton late Sunday.

After Post 113 was victimized for the third time this year by Edwardsville starter Ben Hutton, the Junior Triplets had a real chance to beat Alton but couldn't get the big hit.

"We only had one hit against

Hutton," Lignoul said. "He had a no-hitter going into the sixth inning. The kid's good. He's as good as a pitcher as you'll see, in the Senior or Junior Legion."

Against Alton, we left 19 runners stranded on base in a seven-inning game. That's pretty frustrating. We had a lot of runners on base in that game, but couldn't drive them in."

Tri-City finished the season at 11-12, which is less than what Lignoul hoped but not a bad finish for a team that was playing with nine or at best 10 — players on the bench.

"Considering what this team has been through, and been up against, we didn't do too badly," he said. "And I think we learned a lot along the way."

With the Senior Legion squad already eliminated, Lignoul was able to play Dan S. Brewer, Tim Wallace and Scott

more players who spent most or all of the season with the Senior Legion club.

"We never did hit very well, even in the 5-4 win," Lignoul said. "Dustin even came in (See JUNIORS, Page 3B)

Senior Legion District 22 Playoffs North Division

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Members of the Elks '78 boys soccer team include (front row from left) Nick Redman, Derick Kaspar, Aaron Wilkerson, Mark Mendenhall, Jeff Hayes, Jared Embick; and (back row) coach Matt Sheridan, Chris Webb, T.J. Thomas, Mike Bauer, Justin Bernaix, Dustin Floyd, Steve Logan, Justin McMillian and Darrin Compton.

Unrivaled GCHS, CHS players combine to lead Elks

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

The Granite City Elks '78 soccer team was an atypical blend of former rival players from Granite City, Collinsville, Edwardsville and Belleville East high schools.

That apparently did not affect the chemistry of the 17-man roster, which concluded a near-perfect season of competition last week by winning the prestigious Rock Island Tournament.

The Elks won all five tourney games — including a 2-1 championship win July 14 over the rival Glen Carbon Sting, who also compete in the Southern Illinois Soccer League.

"That's another statement for the quality of soccer in the south when two SISL teams play together for the championship," said Bob McMillian, who managed the Elks squad, while Matt Sheridan did most of the field coaching. "There were some very good teams in this tournament, including Rockford and the team we beat from Schaumburg up near Chicago. I'd say this probably was one of the biggest tournaments we won all summer."

The Elks won five of their six tournaments, playing many teams with slightly older players in the 19-under age group. The Elks consisted of 17- and 18-year-olds.

Every player on the roster graduated from high school this spring, except wingback Nick Redmond, who will be a senior next year at Collinsville.

The Elks finished with a perfect 8-0 record in SISL games earlier this summer. What impressed McMillian the most about the players was their ability to blend as a cohesive unit after going toe-to-toe in fierce prep battles as rivals last fall.

Collinsville High finished with a 13-4 record, losing to Highland in regional finals, while Edwardsville (21-5-2) knocked off Granite City (14-6-4) in sectional play before eventually making its first-ever state tournament appearance. Only rebuilding Belleville East (7-11-2) did not have a winning season.

"Last summer, our team was made up entirely of the (Granite City) high school players, which is usually what we do...try and keep them all together," McMillian said. (See ELKS, Page 3B)

Stats 'n' stuff

Sports shorts

Elks '83 boys
The Granite City Elks '83 under-14 boys soccer team will hold its final tryout session for the upcoming season at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at the Elks Soccer Complex, located on the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College on Maryville Road.

Candidates should arrive early and bring shin guards and a No. 5 soccer ball, as well as drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. The tryouts are open to all boys born on Aug. 1, 1982 through July 31, 1983.

GCHS football camp
The Granite City High School football coaching staff will conduct a seven-day camp for all football players from grades 9-12. The camp will continue from 8:10-30 a.m. July 25 and July 29-31.

The camp will feature intensive instruction on defense, offense and special teams, as well as basic fundamental drills. The cost of the camp is \$20, and checks should be made payable to Nick Petrillo. Participants can sign up during the football workouts, which are currently being held daily at the high school, or players can come to the first day of the camp to sign up if necessary. For more information, call Petrillo at 876-5556.

Two-day tourney
The Legacy Golf Course will hold a Two-day/Two-man Golf Tournament on July 27-28. The first day will be a best-ball format, and the second day will be a scramble format.

Tee times start at 10 a.m. The \$80 entry fee includes two 18-hole rounds, golf cart and prize money. There will also be a skins game held on both days, with \$5 per min each day going into the skins pot. If no skins are made on Saturday, the money will carry over to Sunday.

The tourney is limited to the first 50 teams. For more information, call the Legacy at 931-4653.

Elks '81 girls
The Granite City Elks '81 under-16 girls soccer team will be holding tryouts for the 1996-97 soccer season for girls born on or after Aug. 1, 1980 through Dec. 31, 1982. Tryouts will be held at the Elks Soccer Complex on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City.

The final tryouts are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. July 25. Participants must bring a No. 5 soccer ball and drinking water. For more information, call 931-5163 or 876-2229.

Elks '85 girls
The Elks '85 girls under-12 team will hold open tryouts for

girls born after Aug. 1, 1984. The tryouts will be held at 6:30 p.m. July 25 at the Belleville Area College campus on Maryville Road in Granite City.

All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes early, wearing a white t-shirt and shin guards. They must also bring a No. 4 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 797-1890.

Elks U-10 girls
Tryouts for the Granite City Elks girls under-10 soccer team will be held at 6 p.m. July 29 at the Elks Soccer Complex, located on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City. All girls born between Aug. 1, 1986, and July 31, 1987, are eligible to try out.

Participants should bring a ball, shin guards, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 877-4438.

Baker soccer clinic
Granite City High School soccer coach Gene Baker has announced the times and dates of his annual summer soccer clinic, which will be conducted differently than in past years.

The Granite City Soccer Dream Battery will be held July 29-30 at the Granite City Elks Soccer Fields, located on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City.

The battery is open to boys and girls ages 11-18, and the cost is \$40. Each contestant will receive a quality Lotto game ball. Boys will compete between 9-11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday, while the girls will go from 1-3:30 p.m. both days. Baker will be assisted by other members of the GCHS staff, and other area coaches are expected to join the clinic, which will include a variety of individual skill instructions.

A statistical analysis for each participant will be made by coaches and mailed to the participant's home. Soccer equipment prizes will also be awarded during the tests. For more information, call Baker at (314) 355-2374.

Slobo soccer camp
One of the St. Louis area's most popular soccer personalities, Slobo Iljevski, will once again hold a soccer camp in Granite City this summer. This year's camp will run from noon-2 p.m. Aug. 12-16 at Worthen Park.

The camp, for boys and girls ages 5-18, offers instruction for both field players and goalkeepers. The fee is \$55 with a camp soccer ball, or \$50 without the ball. All campers will receive T-shirts, photos and more. For more information, call (314) 227-3036.

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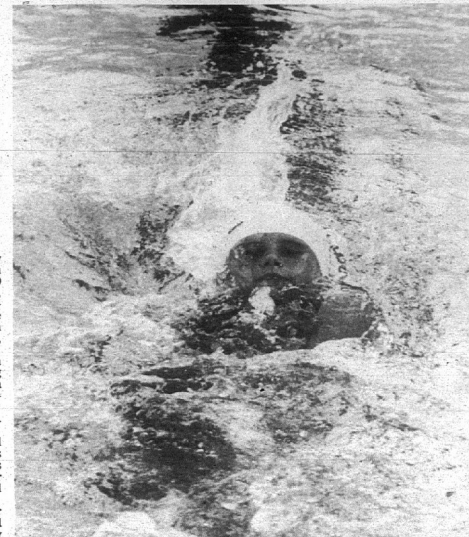
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(Photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Summer Moore swims the backstroke. The Paddlers' diving team is scheduled to compete in the SWISA meet Saturday at Summersport.

Fishing report

LAKES
Busch Memorial CA: (Lake 33) 88 degrees, normal, clear; largemouth bass fair on crankbaits & rubber worms; catfish good on nightcrawlers & chicken livers; all other species slow. (Lake 35) No report available.
Bull Shoals: 85 degrees, clear, 1' above normal; crappie fair to good on minnows; bass fair on live worms; walleye fair on trotlines using deep running slugs; bluegill fair on crickets & worms. (East) 82 degrees, clear, normal; black bass fair late evening on Sassy Craws & plastic worms; catfish fair on trotlines using cut shad & doughball; bluegill fair on crickets & nightcrawlers; all other species slow.
Clearwater: 85 degrees, clear, normal; crappie good on minnows at night; catfish good on jugs and trotlines using cut bait & minnows & good on rod & reel using worms; bass good morning & evening using spinnerbaits off points; bluegill good on crickets & worms along banks; all other species slow.
Council Bluffs: Normal, clear; bass fair on artificial & live bait; redear fair, crappie slow; all other species slow.
Hunnswell: 80 degrees, murky, 1' low; channel catfish good on shad; all other species fair.
Lake of the Ozarks: 86 degrees, normal level, (Glaze) clear; bluegill are good; black bass & catfish are fair; all other species slow. (Gravels) clear; catfish & bluegill good; largemouth bass fair; white bass fair; crappie slow. (Niquang) fairly clear; black bass fair early & late on top water lures &

crankbaits; crappie fair over brush using minnows & jugs; white bass good on natural bait fishing deep; catfish slow; sunfish good on worms & jugs. (Osage) clear; bluegill are good; black bass & catfish fair; all other species slow. (Sagwell Tailwater) 70 degrees, normal, dingy; catfish fair on natural baits, cut shad and worms; white bass fair on spoons & shad-like lures; all other species slow.
Little Osage: 75 degrees, dingy, full moon; catfish fair on live bait; all other species slow.
Long Branch: 77 degrees, 4' high, dingy; bass & channel catfish good on standard lures & bait; walleye picking up on crankbaits; all other species slow.
Mark Twain: 78 degrees, dingy but clearing, 5' high; bass good on main lake points & rocky points on worms & lizards in early morning & late evening; catfish good on trotlines & rod & reel on perch; bluegill good on worms; crappie fair in creek channels, in 8-10' depths on jugs & minnows.

Norfork: 83 degrees, clear, 1' above normal; black bass fair on Sassy Craws & plastic worms; catfish fair to good on trotlines using live bait & cut shad; bluegill good on nightcrawlers & crickets; walleye fair on crankbaits & nightcrawlers; all other species slow.
Pomme de Terre: 82 degrees, clear, slightly above normal pool; bluegill good at 3-6' depths around shorelines & docks using natural baits & crickets; catfish good at 10-12' depths in mouths of coves using prepared baits on jugs; black bass fair at 2-8' depths around points mid-day using plastic worms & around flats & along main channels early & late using Rooster Tails; white bass fair in main channels early & late using Rooster Tails & wiggle warts; crappie fair at 5-15' depths around docks, bridge pilings & stumps using minnows & jugs.
Stockton: 85 degrees, clear, normal pool; white bass excellent early & late using Rooster Tails; bluegill excellent using crickets & worms; crappie fair at 15-20' depths using minnows; all other species slow.

Paddlers

July 8
SWISA Relays
Summersport 262, PADDLERS
215, Gaslight 176, Montclair 161,
Wedgewood 110, Sunset Hills 102.

100-200 Medley
9-10 BOYS: Paddlers 2nd 2:51.82, 8 under GIRLS: Snelson, Hartzel, Ritchie and Evanson 3rd 1:51.06; 9-10 GIRLS: Rosslett, Peterson, Baker and Hubbard, 4th 3:21.47, 11-12 BOYS: McFarland, Baker, Dittman and Ravanelli, 4th 2:49.53, 11-12 GIRLS: Dombek, Christiansen, Snelson and Hatcher 4th 2:46.66, 13-14 BOYS: Reese, Doolen, Becker and Johnson 2nd 2:14.01, 13-14 GIRLS: Cassidy, Stanfill and Layoff 4th 2:27.78, 15-18 BOYS: Dresch, Becker and Schardan 1st 2:02.34, 15-18 GIRLS: Huff, Curran, Yehling and McMillan 1st 2:20.45.

75 freestyle
8 and under BOYS: Dresch, Dombek and Patterson 1st 1:26.97, 8 and under GIRLS: Evanson, Hartzel and Ritchie 2nd 1:41.45.

150 freestyle
9-10 BOYS: Goedecker, McFarland and Hartzel 2nd 2:05.75, 9-10 GIRLS: Cassidy, Stanfill and Hatcher 5th 1:55.48, 13-14 BOYS: Schardan, Johnson and Becker 1st 1:31.69, 15-18 BOYS: Heitz, Reese and Dresch 3rd 1:22.19, 15-18 GIRLS: Huff, Curran and McMillan 1st 1:38.45.

75 breaststroke
8 and under BOYS: Dresch, Dombek and Patterson 1st 1:26.97, 8 and under GIRLS: Evanson, Hartzel and Ritchie 2nd 1:41.45.

150 breaststroke
9-10 BOYS: Heitz, Hartzel and Goedecker 4th 2:41.22, 9-10 GIRLS: Peterson, Runk and Baker 3rd 2:41.29, 11-12 BOYS: Ravanelli, Hartzel and Baker 6th 2:35.21, 11-12 GIRLS: Cassidy, Schardan and Dittman 3rd 1:51.25.

75 butterfly
8 and under BOYS: Schooley, Peterson and Bickhaus 2nd 1:25.49, 9-10 BOYS: Schooley, Hartzel and Heitz 1st 2:11.18, 9-10 GIRLS: Peterson, Clark and Baker 2nd 2:44.57, 11-12 BOYS: Dittman, Goedecker and Baker 3rd 2:10.39, 11-12 GIRLS: Schardan, Cassidy and Dombek 3rd 2:10.45, 13-14 BOYS: Reese, Schardan and Doolen 1st 1:36.14, 13-14 GIRLS: Cassidy, Baker and Runk 4th 1:51.22, 15-18 BOYS: Becker, Heitz and Yehling 2nd 1:30.74, 15-18 GIRLS: Yehling, Layoff and McMillan 3rd 1:51.25.

Crescendo 250 freestyle
BOYS: Schooley, Dittman, Hooten and Becker 1st 2:22.69, GIRLS: Doolen, Heitz, Christiansen, Cassidy and Yehling 2nd 2:49.87.

Table 80 degrees, clear, 1' above normal; black bass good early morning & late evening on topwater; bluegill good on minnows; catfish fair on rod-reel using live bait; all other species slow.
Taneycomo: 74 degrees upper-lake, 82 degrees mid-lake, 88 degrees lower-lake; recent rainbow trout stocking with catches ranging between 10-15 using powerbait & nightcrawlers; bass fair early morning & late evening in the channels.
Thomas Hill: 2.5' high; catfish fair on nightcrawlers; all other species slow.
Trumans: 82 degrees, clear, slightly above normal pool; black bass fair early morning & late evening on topwater lures; crappie fair on cut shad on trotlines & jugs; (Tail Waters) 80 degrees, murky, releasing 500 cts. all species slow.

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Laura Dyer, Mathematics Instructor
Belleville Area College

Laura has taught math at the Granite City Campus since 1989. She has taught classes ranging from remedial math to statistics. She enjoys teaching at GCC because the class size allows her to devote personal attention to the students needs. Laura is the recipient of the 1996 BAC Faculty Member of the Year Award.

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•Triplets

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fared well against Highland twice already this season, simply couldn't find the plate in pressure situations. "He'd get the first two outs, then he couldn't throw a strike. He just didn't have it," Winfield said. "You're seeing him hit much," either, and that didn't help.

So the season is over, but Winfield said he hopes his players learned something about the game.

"I think our pitchers got a lot of experience, which should help them down the line," he said. "And some of the players will go on to college, and I think they definitely got a ball in it."

"When you get to this level, playing ball is more than just showing up and going out there and playing. It's not just physical, it's mental. When you play this type of schedule, where you're playing almost every day, you find out that if you want to be a good player, you have to be ready mentally and

stay on top of your game." It's not like high school. Some players adjust to it better than others. Instead of facing a team's third- or fourth-string pitching, Legion players see some of the top pitchers almost every time out.

"It's tough competition," Winfield said. "You're seeing good pitching every time. For the younger kids, it's quite an eye-opener. You can be good in high school, but that's nothing like the Legion schedule."

One thing that makes the Legion games more competitive is the older players — those who have yet to turn 19 — who come back to play, even though they were away from high school.

Winfield had one such player, and he spoke very highly of Shain Kuchel.

"Shain was a pleasant surprise to me," he said. "To way he did, without the benefit of a high school season, and be consistent, was a real surprise to me. He was the most consistent player at hitting the ball hard, getting on base and

playing a solid defense in the outfield.

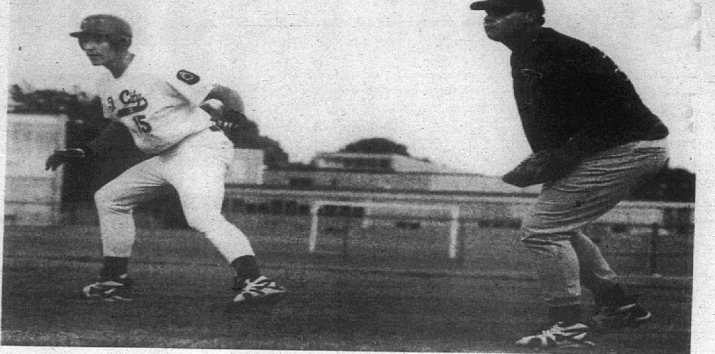
"If everybody would have played as hard as Shain did every night, we'd have been a pretty good team."

And Winfield said he hopes Kuchel can latch on with a program at the next level.

"He's also a very nice young man, and I hope he has the opportunity to play some baseball," he said. "He's a solid ballplayer."

Other Triplets players who will be moving on are Billy Niepert and Brad Ervay (Fontbonne College) and Bettorf (Lewis & Clark). Of the three, only Bettorf will be young enough to play again next year.

"I hope the kids learned some things about life, not just baseball," Winfield said. "Baseball emulates life in a lot of ways. But baseball is just a game, and you can't let it dominate your life. We just hope we can teach the kids a few things and get them some experience playing ball."



Tri-City's Dustin Brewer takes a lead at first base during a game this season.

•Elks

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"But this year, none of those other schools, including Granite City, had enough graduating seniors to form their own separate teams. So these kids basically put a new group together among themselves."

"These were probably much the best players in the area from those schools. I can't remember the last time I saw a year (17-18) group did this well for us."

The Elks didn't win the Alton Belle Invitational, was held early in the season June 15-16 at Gordon Moore Park. The Elks finished second after a 1-0 overtime loss in the championship game to a Kentucky team that placed in its prep state tournament.

The Elks otherwise won the Andy Waite Tournament in Collinsville (May 31); the St. Louis Invitational at St. Louis Soccer Park (June 9); the Prairie State Games' 19-under Nike Soccer Fest at SIU-Edwardsville (June 30); and the Coca-Cola Classic Cup in St.

Louis (July 7).

"The quality of the competition was very good in all of those tournaments, especially over in St. Louis," McMillian said. "I know we beat the Missouri (prep) state champs from Kansas City at the St. Louis Invitational."

McMillian said goalkeeper Dustin Floyd of Granite City was probably the Elks' most valuable player. Although starting midfielder and GCHS teammate Mark Mendenhall was on standby as a possible backup, he wound up playing every minute of every game in goal.

"Dustin only allowed three goals in five games at the Rockford Tournament," McMillian said. "He kept us in every game, although he wasn't always tested a whole lot because of the great defense we got from the backfield players in front of him."

"Other than Dustin, I would say Collinsville striker) Donnie Smith was one of our top players, because he scored some clutch goals and he played especially well in the

Rockford Tournament. But it's difficult to single out any individuals, because they all played well," he said.

The other eight usual starters were Steve Logan (striker), Justin McMillian (midfielder), Justin Berniax (sweeper) and Jared Enbick (wingback) from Granite City; T.J. Thomas (fullback), Aaron Wilkerson (fullback) and Jerod Hendricks (midfielder) from GCHS; and Mike Bauer from Edwardsville.

The reserve players were Jeff Hayes (midfielder) from GCHS; Derick Kaspar (midfielder), Justin Berniax (fullback), Aaron Wilkerson (fullback) and Jerod Hendricks (midfielder) from GCHS; and Mike Bauer from Edwardsville.

Justin McMillian, the manager's son and a Western Illinois University recruit, as well as Berniax and Ariola, were members of the (prep) All-American first team. Also an All-Star, McMillian was named MVP shared GCHS team MVP honors as seniors.

•Hockey

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Individual skill levels are determined during initial evaluations that begin in early September at the East Alton Ice Rink.

MAIHA teams play other league teams from associations in the metropolitan area, including Cahokia, Affton, Creve Coeur, Kirkwood, Webster Groves, Chesterfield, St. Peters and Springfield (Mo.).

In tournaments and postseason play, league teams have entered into competition against other USA Hockey-registered teams from Chicago, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Memphis and other regions of the United States.

Skaters selected to the house teams will be evaluated and divided up to form equal-strength teams within their

respective age groups. The house teams will be practice-intensive, to allow skaters to develop skating and puck-handling skills and understand the fundamentals of the game.

Space on teams is limited due to the minimal availability of ice time at area rinks. The Steelers skate at Wilson Park in Granite City, as well as the East Alton facility.

To register, parents or guardians should attend the registration with their child on Aug. 3, bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, have the child's social security number available, and be prepared to pay registration and ice fees by check. The fees will total approximately \$330.

If the skater is selected to a league team, additional league fees will be assessed concurrent with league play in

November 1996.

Ice hockey practices will begin in late September, following tryouts for league teams. Teams are under the supervision of USA certified coaches, and are usually on the ice a minimum of twice each week. The Steelers' season begins after Labor Day and finishes at the end of February 1997. League games are played from Nov. 1 through the first week of March.

All players are required to be outfitted in full protective ice hockey equipment. Checking is not allowed for players at the Mite and Squirt level of play.

For more information, call the GCHS Steelers at 451-6013. Additional information about the MAIHA can be obtained by calling (314) 842-6466.

•Juniors

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and pitched six strong innings for us, but we couldn't score for him until the 10th."

Lignoul said he hopes the players take what they have experienced this summer and learn from it.

"It's a higher level, and the competition is so much bet-

ter," he said. "If they want to have to work at it. But if they do, they'll get better."

"The work has to be done off the field as well as on, and that's the thing that some of them don't yet understand totally. You can't just come out and get by on natural ability. At least very few can."

Lignoul still credits his players for hanging in there when things looked bleak midway through the season.

"The overall picture is still not good, but that's nothing they can control," he said. "I think they had a good time, though. I know I had fun. The kids were great, and we never had any kind of attitude problem or anything like that. They

all gave me 110 percent on the field."

As is the plight of a Junior League coach, Lignoul will have nearly an entirely new team next summer, even if the team's three eligible freshmen all return.

"I think these kids can add a lot to the high school team next year," he said. "I think the outlook is bright for the high school team. As long as we can keep the game fun for them, I think they'll put in the extra work and become better players."

"I'm happy with everything. You'd like to win them all, but as long as they come out and try, that's what counts. I hope we were able to help them in their baseball careers."

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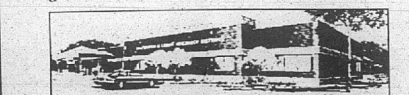
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Safety—The Granite City campus of Belleville Area College recently hosted "Child Safety Night," a workshop for children and their parents on child safety issues. At left, Charles Doerge of Glen Carbon fingerprints Marcus Strain, 5, of Granite City. Below left, Linda Doerge of Glen Carbon, GCC public safety supervisor, fingerprints Adam Kopchak, 4. Below right, Susan Valentine of Granite City, a GCC library technician, paints a flower on the face of Lesley Whitford, 7, also of Granite City.

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Partney blasts chamber cut

Granite City mayoral candidate David Partney has criticized a proposed budget that cuts the city's contribution to the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce by two thirds. "The Chamber of Commerce has helped bring several businesses to Granite City over the past several years and retain many more," Partney said Monday. "They do a very good job for our city."

The proposed reduction in the city budget would reduce the city's dues to the chamber—which are voluntary—to \$1,000 this year. The city has paid \$3,000 to the chamber in past years. Other area municipalities pay less.

Walgreen site sought

In 1991, the city of Granite City issued \$2 million in tax increment financing bonds to help pay for the purchase of several parcels of property in the 2000 block of Madison Avenue.

The next year, the city used eminent domain proceedings and its quick take powers in an attempt to obtain 17 parcels of property in the block, with the intent to attract a 14,000-square-foot Walgreen drug store at 20th Street and Madison Avenue.

Today, more than four years later, the proposed Walgreen property remains vacant except for some residual gasoline contamination on property owned by Clark Oil Co. and an adjacent lot.

The prospect of a new drug store at the site is bleak to non-existent because Clark has refused to clean up its property.

This month, the city received its first inquiry about city-owned property on the block since the Walgreen project fell through. Dr. Charles King Jr. asked for the right of first refusal for nine months while he investigates the possibility of developing a 2,000-square-foot health care facility in the block.

Hagnauer resigns post

Bernie Hagnauer has resigned from the Madison County Board without attending a single meeting.

Granite City 6th Ward Alderman Mac Warfield, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Central Committee, is expected to fill the position in District 20.

Bernie Hagnauer was appointed to the county board in June to fulfill the remainder of her husband Nellie's current term following his death May 18. County Board Chairman Rudy Papa of Bethalto said he "deeply regretted" receiving Bernie Hagnauer's brief, one-sentence letter of resignation, dated July 15, on Thursday morning.

Madison set for move

After almost 90 years of meetings in Madison City Hall on Third Street, the Madison City Council is getting a new home.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Mayor John Belleoff announced the meetings were being moved to the Venice Township offices until the new city hall is ready.

According to city officials, in September the council and other city hall functions are expected to be moving to the new city hall at 615 Madison Ave.

In the meantime, the next three city council meetings will be held at the Venice Township, 910 Madison Avenue. The meetings will be at the normal time, 7 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays. The next meeting is July 30.

Group backs north bridge site

A St. Louis group is the first to publicly announce its support for one of two proposed sites for a new eight-lane bridge crossing the Mississippi.

At a press conference Thursday, officials from Downtown St. Louis Inc. announced their support for the northern route, which would connect 14th, Tucker and Interstate 70 in Missouri to a relocated Illinois 3, 203 and I-55/70 in Illinois. The other proposed route would tie into I-55 south of the MacArthur and Poplar Street bridges in Missouri and connect to I-255 near Mousette Lane.

The announcement drew praise from Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa.

SIUE names students on Dean's List

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has announced the students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 1996 spring semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have 12 hours calculated.

Local students named to the Dean's List are:

Granite City: Stacie Ahlers,

Benjamin Ahlvers, Erica Alsop, Amy Austin, Ann-Marie Boyd, Tiffany Boyd, Carrie Boyer, Robert Canada, Candy Carnes, Erika Candell, Wendy Chamberlain, Timothy Cozine, Lisa Doolen, Cynthia Dorris, Joseph Falbe, Christina Friedel, Donald Gilbert, Amy Gray.

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Tiennan, Timothy Vaughan, Elizabeth Weckback, Channa Weckman, Alan Willaredt, Jennifer Wojtowicz, Valerie Wolf, Tara Wyatt and Kirsten Yob.

Madison: John Cawley and Joseph Gajowski III, Pontoon Beach: Bradley Breese.

Venice: Tiffany Grimmer, Timika Jones and Gloria Leonard.

Cub Scouts watch flag burning in ceremony

On June 27, Cub Scout Pack 15, sponsored by the Eagles Aerie 1196 of Granite City, held its family picnic at Horseshoe Lake.

Cub Master Richard Waeltermann had a few announcements to make concerning upcoming summer dates. On Aug. 15, a knot hole game at Busch Stadium will be held at 7:30 p.m. On Aug. 17, a swimming party will be held at 8:30 p.m. at Wilson Park, which will complete the summer outdoor activities.

Waeltermann called the boys in to witness a first for Pack 15. The sponsors of the club obtained a new flag for the club's flag pole. Pack 15 leaders were asked to destroy the old flag.

Waeltermann preceded to cut the stars out of the old flag. The burning began and was assisted by Cub Master Curt Lloyd and Webelos leader John Heck. The leaders took a step back and saluted the flag for the last time. The ashes were then buried.



Waeltermann cuts out the stars on the old flag.



Cub Master Richard Waeltermann begins the burning of the old flag.

Granite City announces SAA award winners

Scholastic Achievement Awards for the Granite City 1995-96 school year have been announced. The fourth quarter honor roll students from Worthen School are as follows:

Grade six
David Antognoli, Jared Arnold, Bryan Baker, Tiffany Bernaia, Ashley Burgoon, Drew Courtney, Jared Davis, Sarah Detweiler, Dawn Elder, Bradley Evetts, Sheila Fitzhugh, Kelly Fox, Dax Gitcho, Theresa Godwin, Joshua Hanks, Krystle Harper, Stacy Hearn, Ashlee Hoffman, Kenneth Jackson, Ashlee Jones, Daniel Jones, Justin Kerber, Brooke McClain, Joshua McCoy, Jamie Mendoza, Sarah Penrod, Ashley Rippy, Stacey Roman, Travis Shermwell, Vincent Sigitte, Jared Skonby, Clinton Sutton, Candi Taylor, Sandi Taylor, Aaron Webb and Anna White.

Grade five

Adrienne Bilderback, Lisa Blevins, Erika Britton, Sherrie Brown, Jessica Burgoon, Joe Cavanaugh, Kristen Coyle, Steve Evans, Samara Goldenberg, Katie Hubbard, Katrina Laub, Kristen Melzer, Teri Mendenhall, Kelly Meyer, Amanda Morgan, Leighann Moore, Kristen Nobus, Katelyn Nonti, Laura Owca, Aaron Papp, Carl Peterson, Heather Russell, Tiffany Sanders, Nicole Stone, Stephanie Trucks, Billy Verschuyl, Amanda White, Anthony White and Shannon Wright.

Grade four
Cory Ballentine, Aaron Brake, Kevin Brake, Andy Bywater, Ashley Chepley, Rachel Eaton, Stacey Flannery, Diane Fleming, Perri Gilcho, Sarah Henderson, Lynsey Holloway, Micah Holl, Lauren Huniak, Ashley Jarrett, Mathew Jenkins, Jacob Johnson, Evan Kerivan, Carolyn Kinnunen, Jean Knox, Brett LaPiere, Sarah Mennemeyer, Jessica Meyenburg, Jessie Pacatte, Daniel Pregel, Kyle Price, Brandon Ragan, Jordan Ray, Ashlee Reader, Justin Ril-

ey, Vanessa Ross, Ryan Scott, Matthew Strong, Kristen Voegel, Lindsay Wallace and Corey Wimsmeier.



THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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If a husband and wife are divorced, the custodial parent sometimes wishes to move from the state of Illinois following the divorce. In most of these cases, the non-custodial parent will resist this move because it normally means less visitation for this parent. The courts in these situations must decide on a case by case basis whether such a move is in the "best interests of the child."

In one recent case, a husband and wife, William and Judy, were married in 1984. They had two daughters, and on August 1, 1991, the parties were awarded a divorce. Joint custody of the parties two minor children was awarded, with Judy serving as the primary custodial parent.

In December of 1994, Judy filed a petition to remove the children from Illinois to Ohio. She had a job offer in Ohio, and this position paid \$200.00 per week. In addition, she had met a chiropractor who resided in Ohio, and they were engaged to be married.

Her ex-husband opposed the move. He pointed out that he was very close to his daughters, and that the girls also visited their grandparents in Illinois on a regular basis.

William coached the basketball and softball teams for one of his daughters, and he also talked on the telephone to them several times per week. The oldest child testified that she did not want to move to Ohio.

What is a court to do in this situation? The mother has a job opportunity and is engaged, but the father would lose his close relationship with his daughters if the mother moved out of state.

The trial court in this case concluded that while Judy's quality of life would improve with a move to Ohio, any indirect benefit to the girls would not outweigh the negative impact the move would have on the girls. The trial court noted that the girls were well-adjusted and doing well in school. Furthermore, they had strong family and social ties to Illinois, and they were involved in a variety of extracurricular activities. Most importantly, the trial court felt it was unable to fashion a reasonable visitation schedule for the father if the move were allowed. Given the totality of the circumstances in this case, the trial court refused to allow removal of the children to Ohio.

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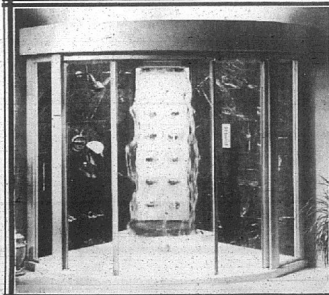
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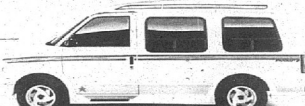
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